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## Milk Production



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### July-September Milk Production up 0.9 Percent

**Milk production** in the United States during the July - September quarter totaled 51.6 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from the July - September quarter last year.

**The average number of milk cows** in the United States during the quarter was 9.31 million head, 7,000 head fewer than the April - June quarter, but 43,000 head more than the same period last year.

### Milk Cows and Production — States and United States: Preliminary July - September 2014 and 2015

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>			Milk production <sup>2</sup>		
	2014	2015	Percent of previous year	2014	2015	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Alabama.....	8.0	7.5	94	23.0	21.0	91
Florida.....	123.0	125.0	102	578.0	586.0	101
Georgia.....	81.0	83.0	102	392.0	415.0	106
South Carolina..	15.0	15.0	100	59.0	58.0	98
United States....	9,270.0	9,313.0	100	51,173.0	51,642.0	101

<sup>1</sup> Excludes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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### United States Quarterly Milk Production

Million pounds

